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## Brevities

Many Chinese use their hollow idols as savings banks.

Hailstones begin their fall as drops of rain. These get frozen into ice by crossing a cold current of air on their way down.

The cinchona tree, from which we get quinine, only grows at an elevation of 7,000 to 10,000 feet in the Andes.

Eye glasses are made from Brazilian pebble, which is a very transparent rock crystal.

Rats are not animals in the eyes of the law, as the Humane Society of Toronto found to its intense disgust when it tried to stop the slaughter of them by dogs.

Samuel M. Clemens (Mark Twain) has sailed from London for America after a nine years' residence in Europe.

Lambeth Palace, in England, contains examples of every style of architecture since 1170.

At a street fair in Wichita this fall one of the chief features will be an arch 40 feet high, constructed entirely of apples.

There is such a craze for the Belgian hare that nearly every steamer that handles such freight brings numbers of these animals to this country.

At Chicago, when a member of the Bridgemen's Union is killed or injured while at work, all other members on the same structure quit for the day. This is not done from any superstition, but out of respect to the dead or injured. It is a rule of the union.

There has just been started at Steubenville, O., the first American manufactory of glass marbles, which have hitherto been imported from Germany.

The colossal memorial to King Alfred the Great, now in course of preparation, which is to be erected in Winchester, England, will probably be one of the most remarkable pieces of sculpture in the kingdom.

It is stated that England has paid \$10,000,000 in gold for American horses, mules and other war supplies used in the Boer War.

The best lighted city in the world is Hammerfest, in Norway, which is also the most northerly

town in the world. Even the smallest cabin has its electric light, and during the polar night, from the middle of November to February 1st, the town is all aglow. The power is derived from three rivers, so rapid that they do not freeze in midwinter, and so near the city that the light can be furnished at very little cost.

Robert Hoe, the manufacturer of printing presses has had a medal designed to commemorate the five hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gutenberg.

Some schoolgirls of southeast Toledo who could not get the town authorities to build a stretch of sidewalk along the street which is on their way to school and which is a mud hole in fall and winter, got together to the number of fifty with hammers and nails and all the planks they could find and built it themselves.

## Our Cream Pitcher

F. B. Myer

God's promises are ever on the ascending scale. One leads up to another, fuller and more blessed than itself. In Mesopotamia, God said, "I will show thee the land." At Bethel, "This is the land." In Canaan, "I will give thee all the land, and children innumerable as the grains of sand." It is thus that God allures us to saintliness. Not giving us anything till we have dared to act—that he may test us. Not giving everything at first—that he may not overwhelm us. And always keeping in hand an infinite reserve of blessing. Oh, the unexplored remainders of God! Who ever saw his last star?

W. G. Pascol

I am not afraid of what is called the higher criticism. We shall find the result of present intensely earnest study of text, history, style, authorship and contents of Bible, will be an increased reverence, love and satisfaction in the Bible as the revelation from God. We are too apt to think of what Moses, David, Isaiah and Paul wrote. Look higher! Whoever the scribe, God is the Author. I care little whether Moses wrote the Pentateuch; Isaiah, the book which bears his name; Paul or Apollos, the Epistle to the Hebrews; I care a great deal to know that God was behind each writer. They were but the human channels thru which the living waters ran. We know its quality when we drink of that stream; it is of little moment thru what aqueduct it has come. The influence of the Book in all ages proves it to be "the revelation which God gave.

New York Observer

No man in this wondrous Nineteenth Century better illustrates stewardship than Mr. Moody. He lived for God. His one supreme passion was to do God's will. He gave himself up wholly to God to be used of him. He found his life in losing it. In proportion as he dedicated all to Christ, he received back from him fulness of joy and blessing. A steward of God is an actual possessor. "All things are yours in Christ." What we give we truly possess. What we selfishly keep we lose and with it also ourselves. A steward is God's partner, for his servants are friends. Fidelity is rewarded by sonship and sovereignty. The faithful steward is made ruler of all committed to his care.

J. M. Buckley

Many are the arguments in favor of simplicity in divine worship. Perhaps the strongest argument is our Lord himself. He was the embodiment of simplicity. His life, his miracles, his parables, sermons, prayers, conversations, and worship are models of simplicity. We search in vain for the slightest exhibition of pomp or anything elaborate and artificial. Where can a prayer be found at once so simple, beautiful, and perfect as the Lord's Prayer? Where is there an account of a service

so free from ornament and decoration as the Lord's Supper, as it was instituted by him in the presence of his disciples? If ornament and art are necessary to deepen the impression of religious acts, here was an occasion for their use. This was the institution by which he intended to impress his disciples and the whole world. But there was not one word or act connected with that memorable scene that was merely artificial and ornamental. Herein appear the beauty and strength of simplicity.

But there is an extreme of simplicity not in keeping with the life of our age. Great wisdom is required in those who direct and conduct the devotions of the sanctuary. Due consideration must be given to the education and temper of modern life. At the same time, the true spirit and order of worship must be understood and regarded. Let us sing with the spirit, and with the understanding also, that our worship of God may be in spirit and in truth and in the beauty of holiness.

New York Observer

Social engagements, business combinations, political associations are eminently proper to a degree, so long as they serve the higher purposes of life. But when they amount to entangling alliances their subtle spell must be broken, even if to do so requires a miracle of grace. Worldly avocations and possessions are meant to be means, not ends; stepping stones, not shackles; wings not weights. Happy indeed is the man who in a real and commendable sense makes the most of two worlds, making full proof of all that is best in this life, and winning his way at last into the broader blessedness of the life to come.

Anna Shipton

Have faith in God, for he who reigns on high  
Hath borne thy grief, and hears the suppliant's  
sigh;

Still to his arms, thine only refuge, fly.

Have faith in God!

Fear not to call on him, O soul distressed!  
Thy sorrow's whisper woos thee to his breast;  
He who is oftenest there is oftenest blest.

Have faith in God!

Lean not on Egypt's reeds; slake not thy thirst  
At earthly cisterns. Seek the kingdom first.  
Tho man and satan fright thee with their worst,  
Have faith in God!

Go, tell him all! The sigh thy bosom heaves  
Is heard in heaven. Strength and grace he gives,  
Who gave himself for thee. Our Jesus lives.

Have faith in God!

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